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In re	Application of:	
Masa	hiro TADA et al.	Group Art Unit: 2115
Appli	cation No.: 09/746,222	Examiner: Cao, Chun
Filed:	December 26, 2000))
For:	INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING STATE CONTROL METHOD	Confirmation No.: 1143
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned's knowledge at the time of this paper's filing. This IDS supplements the IDS filed December 26, 2000.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. In lieu of a statement of relevance of the non-English language document, Applicants submit herewith a copy of a European Search Report issued in a counterpart application listing the document and setting forth its relevance. Applicants also submit an English language Abstract from the European Patent Office for the non-English language document.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents

and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no

better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine

that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,

Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding

the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the

patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of

the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please

charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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